

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REPEALING THE JOB-KILLING HEALTH CARE LAW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, since the misleadingly-named "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" was signed into law last year, Americans have uncovered more reasons to oppose it. For all the talk of "reform" that accompanied its passage, the law will actually entrench the worst aspects of our broken system, driving out-of-control costs even higher and taking health care out of the patient's hands and giving control to the government.

Contrary to what they were told, taxpayers have learned that the true cost of the law is closer to \$2.6 trillion over the next 10 years, and will add more than \$700 billion to the deficit. Accounting gimmicks that included scoring the bill using 10 years of revenue but only 6 years of new spending and double-counting of Social Security payroll taxes, CLASS Act premiums, and Medicare cuts made it seem like this program would land the country in the black, but will only result in more red ink.

As a result of this law, employers across America have discovered that onerous reporting requirements will force them to file 1099 forms for every vendor with which they do \$600 worth of business. An accountant in my district just told me that he will have to expand his staff by 25 percent to accommodate all of his extra paperwork. This is not the type of job creation America envisioned.

Furthermore, when employer costs of insuring employees goes up, Americans will lose their private insurance plans, and will be forced to go on to government plans. This will also add to the deficit. Additionally, businesses and labor unions alike have realized that Obamacare is a bad deal, and at least 222 have sought waivers from having to comply with the law. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has approved special privilege exemptions for dozens of labor unions and the half a million union members they cover. And even more troubling is that Secretary Sebelius has been tardy in responding to a FOIA inquiry regarding the secretive details of these waiver requests.

And, last but of course not least, patients will soon come to discover that this law may not only be dangerous to their pocketbooks, but to their health.

Mandates, dictates, controls, tax hikes, and subsidies will flat-line any genuine effort to reform the country's health care system. The exploding cost of health care is bankrupting the country, yet the government's open-ended commitment to subsidizing health care is the very reason costs are skyrocketing.

Fortunately, instead of waivers for a select few, we have a universal remedy: repeal the

law for all. I urge my colleagues to heed the calls voters made last year during the debate and at the ballot boxes, and vote to undo this job-killing legislation.

HONORING JUDGE BRAD BRADLEY AND HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, the Honorable Brad Bradley. For more than 25 years, Judge Bradley has made innumerable professional and philanthropic contributions to the people and communities of Northeast Tarrant County.

Judge Bradley has continually given of his time and service to the people of this area, especially to its youth. Judge Bradley's non-profit organization, Carroll Education Foundation, has provided over \$1,000,000 in scholarships and grants to the teachers and students in Carroll ISD.

Judge Bradley also founded Northeast Tarrant County's first Teen Court, allowing high school students to be tried in a court and jury of their peers, encouraging a better understanding of the judicial system. Judge Bradley's MetroPort Teen Court Bar Association also encourages teens to pursue an education in law.

In addition to engaging teens' interests in the judicial system, Judge Bradley helps over 33,000 children in Northeast Tarrant County each year with his program, Summer Santa. He recognized a need for children needing assistance and has provided funds for camp scholarships, medical checkups, and clothing through Summer Santa. Judge Bradley's most recent venture, the Pro Players Foundation, benefits disadvantaged children.

Today, Judge Bradley receives the Lifetime Community Service Award presented by Southlake Style Magazine in recognition of his exemplary contributions to the city of Southlake. It is my great privilege to recognize Judge Brad Bradley for the generosity and commitment he has shown to the people of Southlake and surrounding areas.

HONORING MARGARET DUNNE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished career of Margaret Dunne. For over 25 years, she has instilled a love for reading in the children of

Chicago's Independence Park neighborhood, and inspired a life of service in all of her colleagues.

Ms. Dunne began her career with impressive educational merit. She has Masters degrees in English, Special Education, and Library and Information Science. With this background, Margaret joined the Independence Park branch of the Chicago Public Library, where she would spend her entire career as the Children's Librarian.

Throughout her career, Margaret has worked to reach as many children as possible through visits to classrooms, parks, and daycare centers. She has also been instrumental in programming the Chicago Public Library's Summer Reading Program, which encourages children to continue reading during their summer vacations. Her exciting summer reading themes have delighted and inspired children, consistently making the Independence Park Library's Summer Reading Program one of the most successful in Chicago.

Margaret's hard work and dedication garnered citywide attention and, in 2002, earned her the Chicago Public Library's Librarian of the Year Award. Consistently, she has served as a mentor for many people in the field of librarianship and has inspired a high level of commitment to children's reading programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Margaret Dunne and her commitment to promoting a love of reading in children. Her career has touched the lives of people both young and old. In the words of her colleagues, "her dedication will be greatly missed by all."

INSTRUCTING CERTAIN COMMITTEES TO REPORT LEGISLATION REPLACING THE JOB-KILLING HEALTH CARE LAW

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Dear Madam Speaker, I inadvertently voted "no" on the Matheson amendment to H. Res. 9, which would instruct the committee of jurisdiction to include a permanent fix to the Medicare physician payment formula in legislation to replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. I intended to vote "yes" on the Matheson amendment.

I have always been a strong supporter of having the most optimal Medicare reimbursement rate for our nation's physicians. This is because the level of Medicare reimbursement rates to physicians does have a significant impact on the quality and level of health care physicians will provide to our nation's senior citizens and disabled.

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